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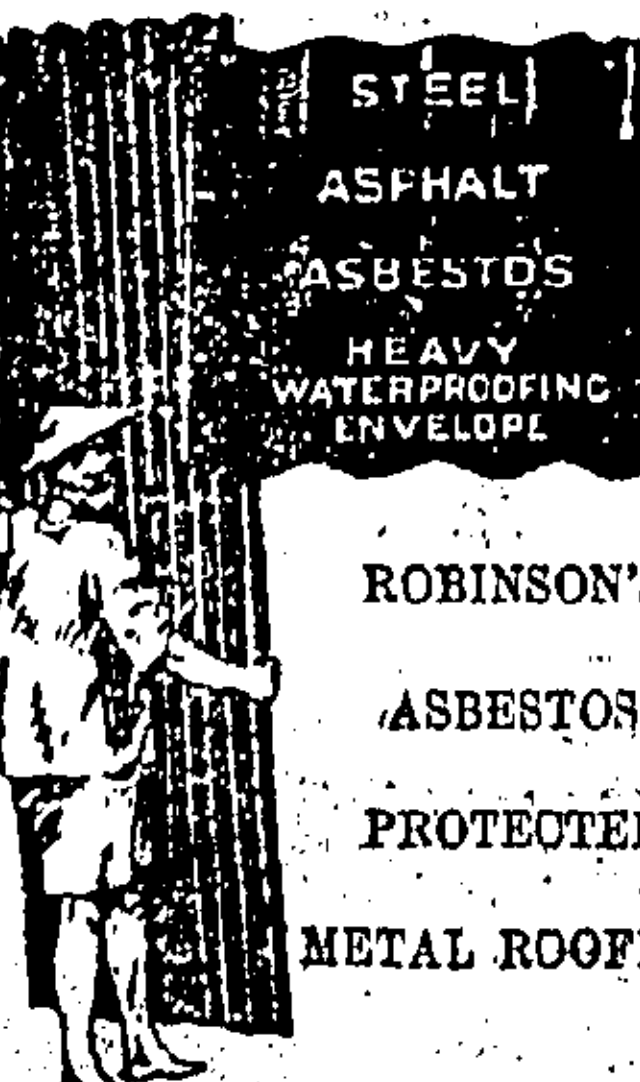
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CANTON FARES.

It was rumoured on the wharf that the Sai On, the sister ship to the Tung On, was also to be taken over by the Government on Saturday, but this proved untrue, the Government apparently considering the Tung On sufficient for their needs in maintaining a food supply service to Shamshui. The Sai On therefore went to anchor at Stonecutters where many others of the crewless river boats. She was the last boat to run on the service without naval help and had to be worked down from Canton by her European officers with assistance from Indian guards.

The Tung On, the boat which the "China Mail" announced on Saturday had been taken over by the Hongkong Government, now flies the White Ensign and is under the command of Lieut. Hemsley, of Submarine L.4, with a crew drawn from H.M.S. Titania and the Submarine Flotilla. The crew has nothing but praise for the culinary exploits of a bluejacket cook whose duty during the trip was to look after the inner man.

The Tung On is coaling at the Kowloon depot, Naval Yard, and will undertake the next trip tomorrow morning when bread and other stores will be put aboard.

The fares for Canton by the a.s. Tung On (tickets for which have been prepared by the Hongkong Government) are: First Class, \$10; Second Class, \$7.50; Third Class, \$5.

During the week-end the river steamers plying between Hongkong and Kowloon ceased their run for the time being. Among the boats which had lost their crews earlier were the Tai Lee, On Lee and others.

On Friday the San Nam Hoi and the motor vessel Fook On went up to Pakkai as usual but the Fook On lost her crew there and the vessel had to tie up. The San Nam Hoi was more fortunate, a skeleton crew being left behind in all departments. She proceeded up to Kow Kong, discharged the balance of her passengers and returned direct to Hongkong, picking up the European master and officers of the Fook On who boarded the San Nam Hoi in a Customs launch.

It is gathered that another Hongkong-Kowloon vessel, the Leung Kwong, is tied up at Pakkai but the Europeans are expected back this week. The San Nam Hoi returned to Hongkong and is now lying idle.

Last week it had been reported that the s.s. Chuen Chow which is a regular Hongkong-Macao ship and the Wing On had both lost their crews and tied up. However, communication between Hongkong and Macao has been maintained. On Saturday and yesterday the former West River steamer Anjou made the trips to Macao and back and this morning the Ko Chow had her Blue Peter up with a notice in Chinese "bound for Macao."

SANITARY MEASURES

HOW THE PUBLIC CAN
HELP.

Excellent work is being performed by the European staff of the Sanitary Department, others from the P.W.D., and a certain number of Chinese, some of whom are driving lorries, under the guard of Indians.

As the service is not, however, as constant or complete as usual, householders are requested to safeguard against contamination and disinfect dustbins to prevent the breeding of flies. As a further preventive measure they are asked to see that nightsoil is buried and the earth stamped well down so that rain will not result in exposure to flies.

CHINESE TO REPORT.

By order of the Government, Dr. S. W. Tse, as Assistant Controller of Labour, has issued notices requesting all male adult British subjects of Chinese race to report themselves at the City Hall on or before Wednesday, July 15.

This applies whether or not the persons in question hold certificates.

FERRY SERVICES.

DAILY TRIP TO CHEUNG
CHAU.

The strike of workmen on the Cheung Chau and Aberdeen ferry services on Saturday did not affect transport to any appreciable extent as volunteers were soon found to maintain them.

The Cheung Chau service was resumed yesterday with Captain Lassus in charge of the Tung Yick, assisted by Mr. Edwards, an engineer. For the present, however, there will be one trip each way daily, the Tung Yick leaving Cheung Chau in the morning for Hongkong and returning to the island in the evening.

The report made on Saturday that the Shaikwan and Kowloon City ferry services had ceased to operate owing to the crews having gone on strike was found to be incorrect. Owing to a misunderstanding these two services were included amongst the others which were really affected on Saturday. The Shaikwan and Kowloon City ferries are running to-day as usual, the crews of these boats having no intention to go on strike.

The Yaumati, Shamshui and Mongkok ferry services have not been affected in any way.

AT THE HOTEL.

COMING BACK TO NORMAL
CONDITIONS.

Signs of a nearer approach to normal times, although in each case it may be attributed rather to the energies of Europeans and Chinese who refuse to be intimidated, rather than a return to work of strikers, are the new arrangements at the Hongkong Hotel and the re-opening of an old established Chinese restaurant in the centre of the City.

For the first time for three weeks, the public bar, soda fountain and the tea lounge of the Hongkong Hotel were open to-day, loyal Chinese clerks remaining with the hotel, Filipinos and foreigners being responsible for the maintenance of these. Needless to say, the return almost to normal service was welcomed, and the hotel received more patronage than ever.

All these establishments will be open until 12.30 a.m. To-day dinner is to be served from 7 p.m. instead of 7.30 p.m.

ELECTRIC LIGHTING.

POSITION AT HUNGHOM.

A part of the workers at the China Light and Power Company's station at Hunghom, who remained at their posts on Saturday, were reported to have left this morning. Without exception all the regular workers have joined the strike body.

As stated in the "China Mail" of Saturday, the Company had made arrangements in advance for substitutes to take the places of those who intended leaving. These were drafted in during the week-end, and the lighting service was maintained without any interruption.

An assurance has been received from the Company that the departure of the workmen will in no way affect the supply of electric current.

EMPRESS BOATS.

Volunteer workers aboard the Empress of Canada have experienced rather rough seas, particularly whilst passengers were being embarked and disembarked at Shanghai, but scheduled time is being maintained, and 500 bags of mail were taken on board there.

The Empress of Russia, with mails from Japan and Shanghai, which was originally due here to-day, will not now arrive until Thursday.

LOCAL & GENERAL.

During the 24 hours ended July 9, two cases of enteric fever were reported—one Chinese and one Bohemian (imported).

The China Inland Mission celebrated their Diamond Jubilee on June 28 and a Service of Thanksgiving and Commemoration was held at 5 p.m. in the Memorial Hall, when a large number were present. Dr. Hogg occupied the Chair, and Addresses were given by Revs. A. H. Paers and G. Nicoll and Dr. Judd. Mr. H. J. Allen gave the Scripture Reading.

RUBBER.

MOUNTING UP IN
SINGAPORE.

Messrs. Carroll Brothers write: We have just received a cable from our Singapore friends advising us that the price of rubber has risen to \$1.51 (Straits) per lb. and giving us quotations on various stocks which we enclose herewith. Against to-day's quotations we have inserted the rates ruling on July 8 which shows that the price of all grades has risen considerably.

Our friends also intimate that the following dividends were declared which may interest your readers:

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STRIKE ITEMS.

According to the Chinese papers a number of Chinese Tailor employees who are tenants of houses erected by the firms, have been arrested as idlers on their refusing to work. They were, it is said, found in houses, which they had rented from the companies.

The Police are still busy interrogating Chinese in the streets and rounding up suspicious looking persons. In different parts of the town last night, a "China Mail" reporter came across several police pickets. This morning some more were noticed to have been taken up to Central.

Among the Chinese it was reported that business concerns which had put up shutters were told to open again by July 15. Whether the supposed warning had any effect or not, the tea-houses and restaurants are making feverish preparations to start work again. Where their staffs are springing from is a matter of curiosity.

At the Central Magistracy this morning, three persons arrested and released on bail for cutting pine trees at Stanley Village failed to appear. The Magistrate re-arrested their bail money. In another case from the Shaikwan district, a woman was fined \$10 or in the alternative two weeks' hard labour.

In addition to the forming of special guards by Caine Road residents, other district guards are announced. One section is for Wellington Street and On King Terrace, says the "Wah-Taz-Yat Po" with headquarters at the servants' quarters of the Hongkong Hotel (by Wellington Street). The native bankers' guild has also circulated members with regard to nominating two employees from each firm for two hours' duty at night.

Arrangements have been made through the kind permission of the Food Controller, whereby meat suitable for consumption by Mahomedans can now be obtained. Particulars may be obtained from Mr. A. S. Kitchin, collector, 17, Queen's Road, Central, on application.

SWATOW UNREST.

"SITUATION BECOMING
MORE CRITICAL."

RIVAL MILITARISTS.

(Reuter's Service.)

London, July 12.

Foreign telegrams from Swatow state the situation is daily becoming more critical. Owing to the city being under two rival military commanders there is no proper authority and no forces sufficient to cope with disorder.

Who They Are.

Since the rout of Chan Kwang-ming, Swatow has been actually and nominally under the rule of General Hsu Shung-chi, commander of Canton's Kuomintang armies, who led the offensive on that port.

When it became necessary to place the campaign against the Yunnanese mercenaries above the safety of Swatow, General Hsu withdrew his troops and began a trek back to the capital. Before his departure he made overtures to Commander Hung Leuk, who is, or has been, one of Chan Kwang-ming's lieutenants. Hung and Hsu had been colleagues under Dr. Sun Yat-sen in 1922. It is stated that General Hsu preferred to bury the hatchet. Accordingly, Hung Leuk came out of his hiding and took up a position near Swatow, professing harmony with Hsu Shung-chi. However, one or two of Hsu's own subordinate commanders stayed behind in Swatow. By "rival commanders" is probably meant Hung Leuk and Hsu Shung-chi's man—rivals in the sense that they both desire control of the place.

Gunboats in Port. Although there has been unrest and agitation due partly to hunger, it was learned from the Naval Authorities this morning, nothing untoward has occurred at Swatow. H.M.S. Bluebell and a Japanese naval vessel are standing by but it has not been found necessary to land any men.

COLLISION SEQUEL.

CHARGE AGAINST INDIAN
DRIVER.

Before Mr. S. B. B. McDermott at the Central Magistracy this morning, Chanan Singh, an Indian emergency driver of a motor lorry belonging to the P.W.D., was charged with negligent driving. The prosecution was a sequel to the collision which occurred between the motor lorry and a motor cycle combination driven by Sergeant A. Nicoll, who is now in hospital with an injured knee.

Mr. W. E. Hollands stated that he was proceeding on a motor cycle from the Dairy Farm along Lower Albert Road at 2.30 on Friday afternoon when he passed Sergeant Nicoll coming from the opposite direction. The Sergeant sounded his horn on passing him, and immediately after he heard a crash. He went back to the spot and found that the motor cycle and side-car were wedged in between the wall of St. Paul's College on the left side of the road and the motor truck. Sergeant Nicoll was found to have sustained injuries to his knee.

An Indian police sergeant, who was travelling in the side car, stated that the motor cycle was proceeding at the bend at a speed of about ten miles an hour when the wheel of the motor cycle struck one of the front wheels of the lorry, the side car on which he was seated coming in contact with the wall. He claimed to have seen the motor lorry only at the moment of impact.

The accused made a statement from the witness-box in which he said that he had been driver of a motor car at Macao for six months. He admitted that, owing to the size of the lorry and the sharp curve, he took up more than a legitimate share of the road, but he maintained that he stopped his vehicle on seeing the motor cycle coming from the opposite direction. Asked what was the speed at which the motor cycle was travelling, witness said it was about twenty miles an hour. The case was adjourned to enable his counsel to visit the scene of the accident.

TROOPS COMING?

NEW REGIMENT FROM
INDIA.

HERMES FOR CHINA.

(Reuter's Service.)

Malta, July 12.

It is understood the aircraft carrier Hermes is proceeding to China next week. It is stated a regiment will be sent from India to Hongkong in connection with which it has been arranged for the First Borders to proceed to Egypt at the coming trooping season instead of two years hence in order to relieve the regiment in Egypt which will replace the regiment in India which is going to Hongkong.

MANILA ITEMS.

TYPHOON SWEEPS
LUZON.

A REJECTED INVITATION.

(From Our Own Correspondent.)

Manila, July 12.

A devastating typhoon has swept Luzon causing damage to property running into millions. There has been no deaths.

The American Congress party here on board the Navy transport Chaumont has been informed by Governor-General Wood that he does not believe the time is ripe for independence.

The fact that two resident commissioners to Washington have offered to entertain the Congressmen and their families at the Manila Hotel has been the subject of unfavourable comment. Two members of the party refused to accept such hospitality, stating that they believed when they received the invitation and accepted it that they would be the guests of the House's commissioners.

The general impression here is to the effect that the hosts intended to pay the bills from independence fund money.

Officers and of men H.M.S. Carlton are being entertained officially and unofficially by the Manila community.

M. CAILLAUX.

FINANCE MINISTER
ELECTED.

WIFE'S MOTOR ACCIDENT.

(Reuter's Service.)

Paris, July 12.

M. Caillaux has been elected Senator for Sarthe.

[M. Caillaux is the present Minister of Finance for France.]

HIT A TREE.

(Reuter's Service.)

Angers, July 12.

Madame Caillaux was seriously injured in a motor accident this morning.

The motor car collided with a tree. Madame Caillaux was thrown out; her thigh was fractured; there are other grave injuries, but her condition is not regarded as dangerous.

R.M.S. EMPRESS OF CANADA.

The R.M.S. Empress of Canada arrived at Shanghai (Woosung) on July 12, left Shanghai, the same day, and is due at Kobe on July 14, at 6 p.m.

TOKYO, JULY 12.

The Metropolitan police states that a plot against the Throne occurred in October, 1923. Accomplices were arrested recently, and the trial will take place shortly. Reuter.

London, July 10.—The Board of Trade returns for June show imports to be \$110,982,000 an increase over last month of \$47,708,000. Exports were \$68,988,000. A reduction of \$5,311,000. Reuter.

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THAT REBUFF.

The cablegram from the Foreign Secretary to the Consul-General at Canton has been the subject of much comment locally, satisfaction being expressed at the fact that, although it may seem rather belated—the attack on Shamen was made on June 23—it administers a distinct rebuff to the Government of Canton. The Foreign Secretary entirely homologates the warning sent to Dr. Wu by Sir J. W. Jamieson, as of course it was expected it would, and, moreover, expresses the hope that Sir J. W. Jamieson will continue to handle the situation with his accustomed skill and judgment.

ed in the Shamen concession than the handful of British residents who were subjected to the shameful outrage by the Russian-led troops of the Canton Government. The handwriting is on the wall for the Canton leaders to read—and to heed lest they contemplate countenancing another attack on Shamen. The British lion's tail may be twisted just once too often!

Antichrist.

The voice of professional religion in the Colony has not been very audible so far in the matter of our present troubles. Orthodox will go on its steady way, taking no sides but using petitions and prayers for a speedy deliverance out of all our troubles with the usual catchwords of "lasting peace," etc. Disturbers of the world's peace were wont to be called Antichrists and such one-time prominent individuals as Napoleon and the ex-Kaiser have had this unenviable name thrust upon them. It now remains for some prophet to use the name nearer home and to apply it to "Reds" of whatever physical colour they may be. No harm will be done, a little nonsense now and then being relished in the most serious of times. Even so, there are those who take this matter seriously and a spice of today's news deals with the attempt in America to put in their place those whose modern teaching and outlook compel them to discard the fundamentalism of old evangelical Bible teaching and to reach out for the new that, seemingly places reason first and faith next. These latter are being dubbed "antichrists." The word is likely to assume a measure of importance denied it in ordinary times. To use it in connection with the present condition of things would be ludicrous, although seeing that much of it in China is against Christian teaching, it may well be used in a limited sense.

A TYPHOON.

HEADING DIRECT FOR HONGKONG.

TO-DAY'S WARNING.

Warning was received at 11.30 this morning of the presence of a typhoon depression about 400 miles away which is at present heading direct for Hongkong. The radius and intensity are as yet unknown and it is, of course, impossible to say with any degree of certainty whether or not it will keep to its course, monsoons having on other occasions affected the course of similar disturbances and forced them further north.

If the speed of the typhoon is that most common in the China Sea, the typhoon, providing its course remains unchanged, should be here by about noon on Wednesday, for when notification was first received this morning it was about 400 miles away to the North of the Luzon, the actual location being 13 degrees N., 121 degrees E. It is travelling W.N.W., direct for the Pratas Shoal and Gap Rock.

If Hongkong should find itself in the grip of a typhoon in the course of the next 48 hours it will be the first of such unpleasant experiences since the typhoon of August, 1923, although as every one dimly recalls, there were typhoon blows aplenty early in 1924, all most inconveniently at week-ends, too.

Number 1 signal was hoisted immediately after receipt of the warning.

The following telegrams have been received by the local American Consulate-General from the Manila Observatory:

12.40 p.m., July 12:—Cyclone or typhoon E. of Luzon less than 300 miles distant, moving W. or W.N.W.

4.30 p.m., July 12:—Cyclone or typhoon E. of Northern Luzon, more than 300 miles distant, moving W. or W.N.W.

R.M.S. EMPRESS OF RUSSIA.

The R.M.S. Empress of Russia arrived at Nagasaki on July 12, at 8 a.m., left Nagasaki the same day, at 6 a.m., and is due at Shanghai on July 14, at 3 a.m. The steamer leaves Shanghai on July 14, at noon.

London, July 11.—Reuter learns that the British reply to the Spanish request for intervention in Morocco depreciates any action interpretable as violating the neutrality of the Tangier zone, to which it is not considered there is any immediate danger. It believes that the measures proposed might have provocative effect, and adds that the British Government is willing to continue to co-operate in policing territorial waters, but is unable to agree to any extension of these operations.—Reuter

AGE OF CHINESE.

WHAT THE CHIEF JUSTICE LEARNED.

AFFECTS IMPORTANT JUDGMENT.

The Chinese method of determining ages was a determining factor in an important Supreme Court case in connection with which judgment was given this morning.

The case of the defendant, said His Lordship, Sir Henry Gollan, Chief Justice, rested on the plea that he was under age at the time he signed the document in question (this was what the Industrial and Commercial Bank, Ltd., claimed was a promissory note or letter of guarantee under which they could claim \$10,000 from him).

His Lordship emphasised that the defendant in an affirmation made in the course of the proceedings had stated that he had just attained the age of 21 when he signed the document and said that in the ordinary way such a statement would be conclusive against a deponent, but the present circumstances were peculiar owing to the manner in which a man's age was constituted among Chinese.

He had learned in the course of the case, stated His Lordship, that the age of a person, according to Chinese custom, was not stated with reference to the actual date of birth, but according to the number of years in which he had lived, and it was according to this possible for a child to live two days and yet be two years old providing he was born on New Year's Eve.

In view of this His Lordship was convinced that an honest mistake could easily be made regarding age, and he considered it unjust to hold the defendant absolutely bound by his statement.

Arriving at a decision with regard to the defendant's age His Lordship had taken into consideration the evidence of his mother and also that of his horoscope which had had to be produced at the time of the defendant's marriage in order that it might be compared with that of the proposed bride, the idea of this being to see that their constellations were in harmony. The information contained in this had been calculated before any suggestion of litigation was made, said His Lordship, and he considered it honest and reliable.

His Lordship held to be unsound the argument of plaintiff's counsel that the domicile of the defendant was Chinese and that by Chinese law and custom the age of majority was 16. He found in favour of the defendant, but thought the justice of the case would be best met by leaving each party to pay its own costs.

AMENDING PLEADINGS.

In the course of his judgment His Lordship referred to what he termed the frequency with which applications were made in the course of proceedings for amendments of pleadings. The pleadings in an action had come almost to be regarded as polite intimations to the Court as to the lines on which the parties intended at the time of filing them to conduct their respective cases, but that should either party think of a further point he was at liberty, almost as a matter of course, to rely on it. He would like to make it clear, said His Lordship, that in the Supreme Court amendment was not going to be allowed as a matter of course, particularly when the need for amendment should have been obvious before the hearing.

The Hon. Mr. C. G. Alabaster, K.C. (instructed by Messrs. Wilkinson and Grist), appeared for the plaintiff Bank, and Mr. F. C. Jenkin (instructed by Messrs. Deacon) for defendant.

OBITUARY.

MR. WILLIAM PRITCHARD.

It is with regret that we have to announce the death, which took place last night, of Mr. William Pritchard, principal warden of the Lai Chi Kok prison.

The late Mr. Pritchard remained at his duties until the last although he had complained of feeling unwell some ten days ago. He passed away within a few hours of the completion of yesterday's duty.

Deceased had served with the Royal Navy and was for a time on the China Station. He had been in the prison service for five years, and returned a few months ago from Home leave. He was unmarried.

The funeral will take place this evening at 5.30 p.m.

Madrid, July 12.—The French and Spanish delegates to the Moroccan conference have signed an agreement in regard to political co-operation in Morocco.—Reuter

CORRESPONDENCE.

FERRY SERVICES.

(To the Editor of the China Mail.)

Sir,—I beg to crave a space in your correspondence column to contradict a statement which appears in your issue of Saturday night, stating that the ferry-boats running from Hongkong to Cheung Chau, Shaokwan, Kowloon City and Aberdeen have all stopped, these men putting in no appearance this morning.

So far as the ferry-boats running between Hongkong, Shaokwan and Kowloon City are concerned, they continued running on Saturday and the men put in their appearance alright on that day and they are still running as usual.

We shall be obliged if you will kindly publish this contradiction in your next issue for the information of the general public.

Yours, etc.,

THE EASTERN FERRY & CO.
Hongkong, July 12.

[Our information came in the ordinary way from an official source. As will be seen from a paragraph elsewhere, the above letter is correct.—Ed. "C.M."]

TIMELY ADVICE.

(To the Editor of the China Mail.)

Sir,—Will you allow me through the medium of your columns to register a protest against the vindictive tone which is gradually creeping into the local Press, and even into official utterances, when discussing the present unfortunate state of affairs. Such a feeling is, no doubt, natural under the circumstances but a little reflection should show us that it is both unwise and unjust to give way to it. We are living, although in a British Colony, amongst the Chinese with whom most of us must trade in order to live. We cannot get on without the Chinese nor they, I venture to say in spite of the Canton Government's opinion, without us. It should be borne in mind that the present agitation has been carefully prepared and fostered by the worst elements of Russia for their own ends, co-operating with a comparatively small clique of Chinese, partly malcontents out to line their own pockets and partly idealistic dreamers. Able countrymen of our own with a life time's experience of China have left on record their opinion that the Chinese generally, particularly the poorer classes, are a kindly, peaceable and industrious people, but the cunning of the professional agitator has given to the present movement the complexion of a great patriotic demonstration and when we remember the power of a patriotic appeal in our own country and the ignominy attaching to those who fail to respond we should surely have at least as much sympathy and admiration for the great many loyal Chinese who are continuing in our midst at their regular duties, as blame for those poor sheep who have followed their leaders into the wilderness. Last I should be taken to counsel leniency to law-breakers and mischief makers I would urge on the contrary that at present and for such an outrage as that committed recently in Connaught Road, if our criminal code permits, the penalty should be death preceded by flogging. As, however, the perpetrators of even such a crime as this may be sincere, though misguided, patriots, it is unworthy of British traditions to exult in their punishment nor should we make ridiculous rules calculated to make life in the Colony intolerable for those Chinese who remain. No more sedition is talked, for instance on Blake Pier than in the back streets of Wanchai or Kennedy Town, nor is there any more danger of this occurring in the evening than during the day.

Leave the "Canton Gazette" to spit and fume but for God's sake let us keep our sense of proportion.

Yours, etc.,

X.
Hongkong, July 12, 1925.

SOCIAL & PERSONAL.

Friends of Mr. Harry Strausser of the Far Eastern Development Co., Chefoo, will be interested to hear of his engagement to Miss Clara Mayer, daughter of Mrs. Amelia Mayer of New York. Mr. Strausser is at present on a trip to the United States, writes the "China Mail's" Chefoo correspondent.

This proposal put forward by Sir Samuel Chapman and a number of other Unionist members for a voluntary restriction of the length of speeches in the House of Commons is receiving considerable support, and it is expected that more than 100 members will join the movement.

DAVIS CUP.

FRANCE FOR INTER-ZONE FINAL.

LATEST RESULTS.

(Reuter's Service.)

Noordwyk, July 12.
In the semi-final (European Zone) of the Davis Cup lawn tennis competition, Holland defeated India by winning three of the first four (out of five) matches.

Holland will thus play in the final against the winners of the Britain v. France match.

Britain Losing.

London, July 10.
At Eastbourne in the semi-final (European Zone) of the Davis Cup, Rene Lacoste (France) beat O. G. N. Turnbull (Britain), 3-6, 6-1, 7-5, 6-2, and Jean Borotra (France) beat G. R. Crole Rees (Britain), 6-4, 10-8, 4-6, 6-0.

Turnbull's terrific driving won him the first set but thereafter it availed him little. Lacoste played exhilarating and accurate tennis and won despite the Englishman's persistent driving on his backhand.

Borotra did not play up to his Wimbledon form but was brilliant at the net. Crole Rees defended admirably and played finely in the third set but the result was never in doubt.

'VARSITY' SPORT.

AMERICANS VERSUS BRITISH.

THREE NEW RECORDS.

(Reuter's American Service.)

Cambridge (Mass.), July 12.
The Harvard-Yale combination beat Oxford-Cambridge in the inter-varsity athletic competition, each side winning six events, the Americans securing more second places.

It is claimed that three records established at such meetings were beaten. D. G. A. Lowe of Cambridge won the half-mile in 1min. 53 2/5 seconds; Robb of Harvard the 220 hurdles in 25 seconds; and Carr of Yale the pole jump, clearing 13 feet.

ETON v. HARROW.

ANNUAL CRICKET MATCH DRAWN.

(Reuter's Service.)

London, July 10.
The annual Eton and Harrow cricket match, played at Lord's, resulted in a draw. Harrow scored 231 runs in their first innings. (E. Mann 61 and Carlisle 45) and 235 in their second (Raphael 54, Whitaker 6 wickets for 64). Eton only made 112 in their first knock-off which Cobbold made 42. Raphael took 7 wickets for 30. Stumps were drawn when Eton had scored 221 for 8 wickets. Cobbold scoring 65 and Boscawen 66.

[Since 1908 Harrow have yet to defeat Eton at Lord's.]

AN EASY WIN.

ABE MITCHELL DEFEATS CHAMPION.

(Reuter's Service.)

London, July 10.
At St. Albans in a thirty-six holes match Abe Mitchell (Britain) beat Jim Barnes (U.S.A.) by seven up and six to play.

[Barnes won the British Open Golf Championship this year.]

STILL WINNING.

ENGLISH F.A. TEAM DOWN SOUTH.

(Reuter's Service.)

West Maitland, July 10.
Playing here to-day the English "soccer" tourists beat Australia by 8 goals to 2.

ENGLAND LEADS.

INTERNATIONAL ATHLETIC CONTEST.

(Reuter's Service.)

London, July 10.
At Dublin in the triangular International Athletic contest England scored 19 1/2 points, Ireland 16 1/2 and Scotland 4 1/2.

ROXOR
LATEST
INVENTIONS
AND PATENTS

ORDER TO TROOPS.

TO AVOID BOLSHEVIST PROPAGANDA.

(Reuter's Service.)

Peking, July 13.
According to the Ching Pao, Feng Yu-hsiang has issued an order to the troops directing them to avoid Bolshevist propaganda and to oppose it to the utmost, pointing out that Kalgan is on the borders of Mongolia and Russia, but that there is a vital difference between the habits and customs of the Chinese people and those of these countries and, moreover, the national spirit differs. He concludes by urging the Chinese to adhere to the teaching, and practices of their own ancient sages.

Russian Aeroplanes.

Russian aeroplanes, it is reported, are arriving here to-day. The Finance Ministry has been requested to provide \$20,000 for the reception of the aviators.

A Warning.

The Secretariat of the Chief Executive, it is reported, has sent a circular by telegram to the provinces saying that the Government has maintained a firm attitude from the beginning in regard to the Shanghai affair. A popular movement based on patriotism is to be commended, but the actions of bad characters, such as the destruction of the homes of foreigners, is to be avoided as it will be prejudicial to the progress of the negotiations. It concludes that henceforth the popular agitation must be carried on by peaceful means only.

CHINA'S DISORDERS.

HOME PAPERS' STRONG COMMENT.

(Reuter's Service.)

London, July 11.
Contemplating a long struggle, with not a few complications, the "Times," in a leader, expresses the opinion that the time has come for British policy toward China to take a clear and definite shape, and declares that if this policy leads to effective common action so much the better, but the responsibility for defining threatened British interests lies first and foremost with the British Government.

The "Times" considers the British are now hampered by past neglect, particularly in allowing the Washington decisions to remain in cold storage, but the fact of the stimulation of anti-British agitation may be the outcome, directly or indirectly from the report of the Commission of Enquiry into the Shanghai disorders.

The paper emphasises the necessity of a clear renewal of British initiative and adds that the situation is intimately connected with the recent discussion of the cruiser programme. "We must be unfettered in the disposal of means whereby British nationals and trade in the Far East can be continually protected."

"Bungled"?

London, July 11.
The "Daily Telegraph" diplomatic correspondent says there is a strong feeling among certain members of the Cabinet about the manner in which the proceedings, relating to the Shanghai incidents in regard to the action of the British police there, have been "bungled," to perhaps the serious detriment of British prestige, and adds that the anxiety of a section of the Diplomatic Body, whether through undue nervousness or for reasons connected with their countries' material advantages, to placate the Chinese agitators is indeed regrettable.

The writer suggests that a British veto should from the first have been placed upon the foreign project of a "Diplomatic investigation" to be carried out in an atmosphere of Chinese intimidation, and adds that firmness on the subject is needed in London and is likely to be forthcoming, judging by the recent statements of Mr. Austen Chamberlain and Mr. Samuel.

Loyalty To Verdict.

London, July 12.
The Observer says that the British Government's view of the Shanghai troubles is that a final and impartial authoritative verdict should be pronounced at the earliest opportunity. There may be a case for a new international enquiry, and in any case Britain will welcome a verdict and will loyally abide thereby, whether or not involved in the censure or dismissal of any British official.

Chinese Version.

London, July 12.
The Union of Chinese Associations in Britain have issued a statement prepared by Lo Wen-kan, the ex-president of the Supreme Court of Peking, V. K. Ting, Honorary Director of the Geological Survey and Professors Hu Shih and K. L. Yen, setting forth the Chinese version of the Shanghai troubles together with the alleged causes of the present agitation and appealing to the British public to consider the facts without prejudice.

CENTRAL CHINA.

NEWS FROM CHANGSHA AND CHUNGKING.

LOOT NOT RETURNED.

(Reuter's Service.)

Shanghai, July 13.
A wireless message from Changsha says the Chinese authorities renewed their assurance of protection to foreigners. A message from Chungking says the situation is uncertain. The outlook depends on the city commandant's attitude. The Civil Governor is keeping up delivery of food supplies to the gunboats. No adequate steps have been taken to get back the goods looted from British residents.

SHANGHAI PROBLEM.

POWERS OF MUNICIPAL COUNCIL.

(Reuter's Service.)

Peking, July 10.
The French Minister has resigned from the Commission appointed by the Powers to negotiate in the Shanghai affair. The French Legation in a statement says, "It seems that a divergence of interpretation has arisen between the Diplomatic Body and the Municipal Council of Shanghai as to what the actual powers of the Council are and in what relation they stand towards the Legations in Peking. While the Legations are of opinion the powers of the Council are of a purely administrative nature and actual power in an international settlement rests with the interested Governments whose representatives in Shanghai are the Consuls, subject themselves to the authority of the Legations, the Municipal Council holds that under a nominal control of interested Governments it is only responsible before the ratepayers whereby it is elected. The French Minister, whose authority is supreme in the French settlement in Shanghai considers that pending the settlement of this controversy it is useless to start negotiation."

Shanghai, July 11.
In view of M. Martel's resignation the situation has become more involved. No official statement is obtainable. Chinese officials are making no move but awaiting a move by the Powers. There is no indication whether M. Martel's place will be taken by some other Minister or the present Commission be abandoned. A mandate is being issued shortly instructing the populace to preserve order awaiting a settlement of the present problems.

THE DARWIN CULT.

REMARKABLE TENNESSEE PROSECUTION.

(Reuter's American Service.)

Dayton, July 11.
Tennessee has become a centre of popular interest and is the Mecca of religious controversialists throughout the country, who are booking every inch of accommodation for the trial of the school teacher John Scopes on a charge of teaching evolution in violation of recent State legislation enacted at the instance of the Fundamentalists, who insist on pure Bible teaching. Mr. W. J. Bryan leads the prosecution.

The action is taken to test the validity of the law and also the jurisdiction of the State to legislate for schools supported by Federal funds, but there is a fear that Mr. Bryan, if successful, will make religion an issue of American politics, and the Fundamentalists' enthusiasm to fight the "anti-Christians" will pave the way to a similar legislation throughout the country, reminiscent of the prohibition campaign. The trial opened in a theatrical atmosphere. Newspapers are full of cartoons depicting the principals in the trial in the guise of monkeys. There was a barrage of photographers and cinema men, and crowds singing old-fashioned hymns assembled at the Court House before the proceedings, which opened with prayer, by a Tennessee pastor, for Divine aid. The Judge arrived with a dictionary under one arm and Bible under the other, and opened the case, reading first a Chapter of Genesis, ejaculating, "May the unerring hand of Him Who is the Author of all truth and justice direct every official act of mine during the trial."

A two year old boy, sitting beside the Judge, drew the names of the juryman, out of the box.

TO-DAY'S ADVERTISEMENTS.

NOTICE.

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Tuesday next, 14th July, being the FRENCH NATIONAL FETE, the Consul for France and Mme. Yves du Courthial will have the honour to receive at their Official Residence, 13, Peak Road, Victoria Lodge, between 5 and 7 p.m. the Members of the French Community, British Officials, Officers, Foreign Colleagues and Friends, who may wish to call on that occasion.

The Chancery of the Consulate will be closed all day on the 14th July.

Hongkong, July 11th, 1925.

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MAINTUA	10,908	21st Oct.	Marseilles, London, Antwerp
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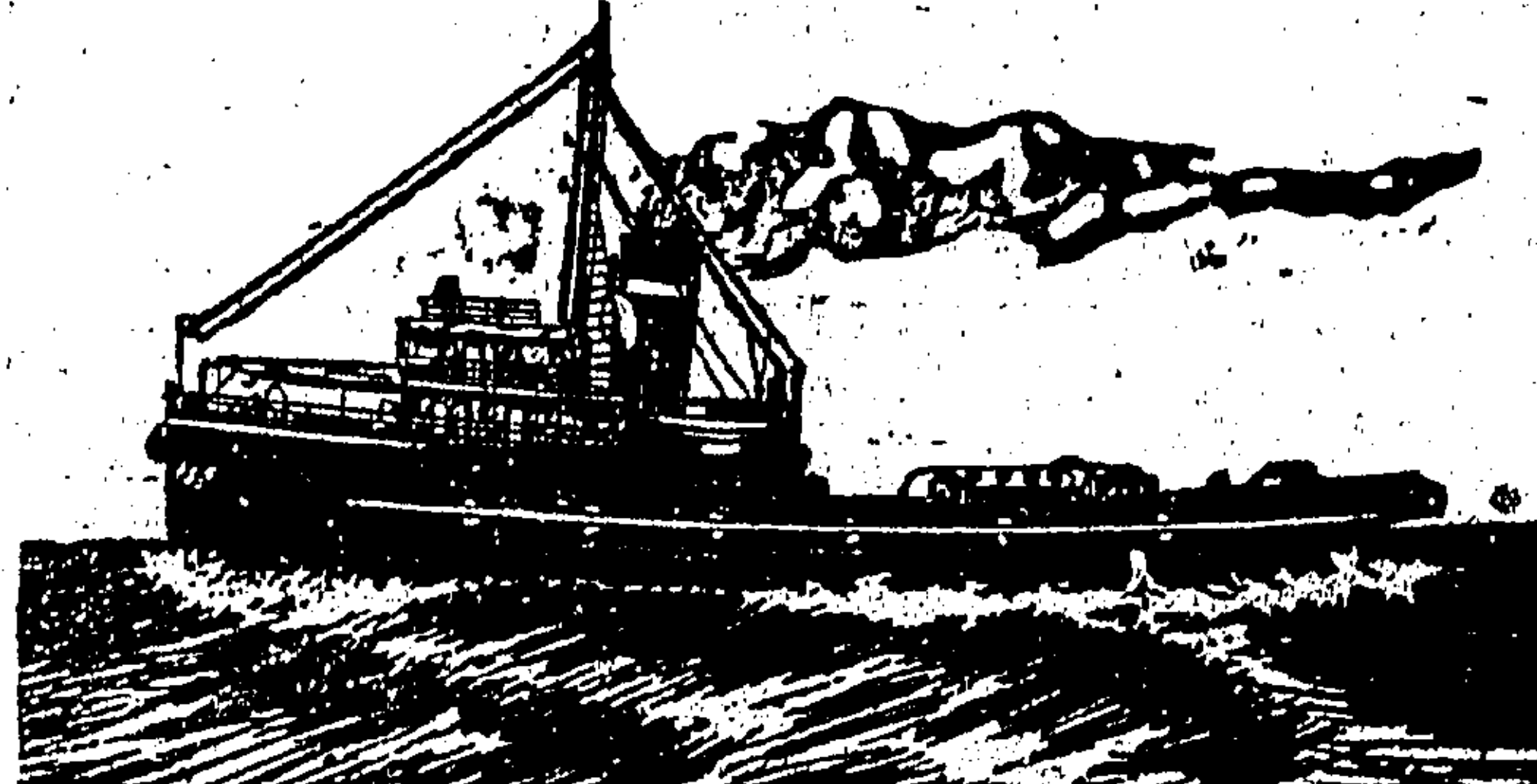
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to a conference" reflects her
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shows that Britain has "lost
America," and, as the Anglo-
Japanese alliance is terminated,
Britain is now isolated in the Far
East. The paper is of the opin-
ion that Britain is realising this
and will either readjust relations
with America or re-establish
the former relations with
Japan, or take a midway course.
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delicate and serious for Britain,
as well as Japan, that a moment's
misstep might entail lifelong re-
gret," and concludes that Japan is
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action until Britain's intention is
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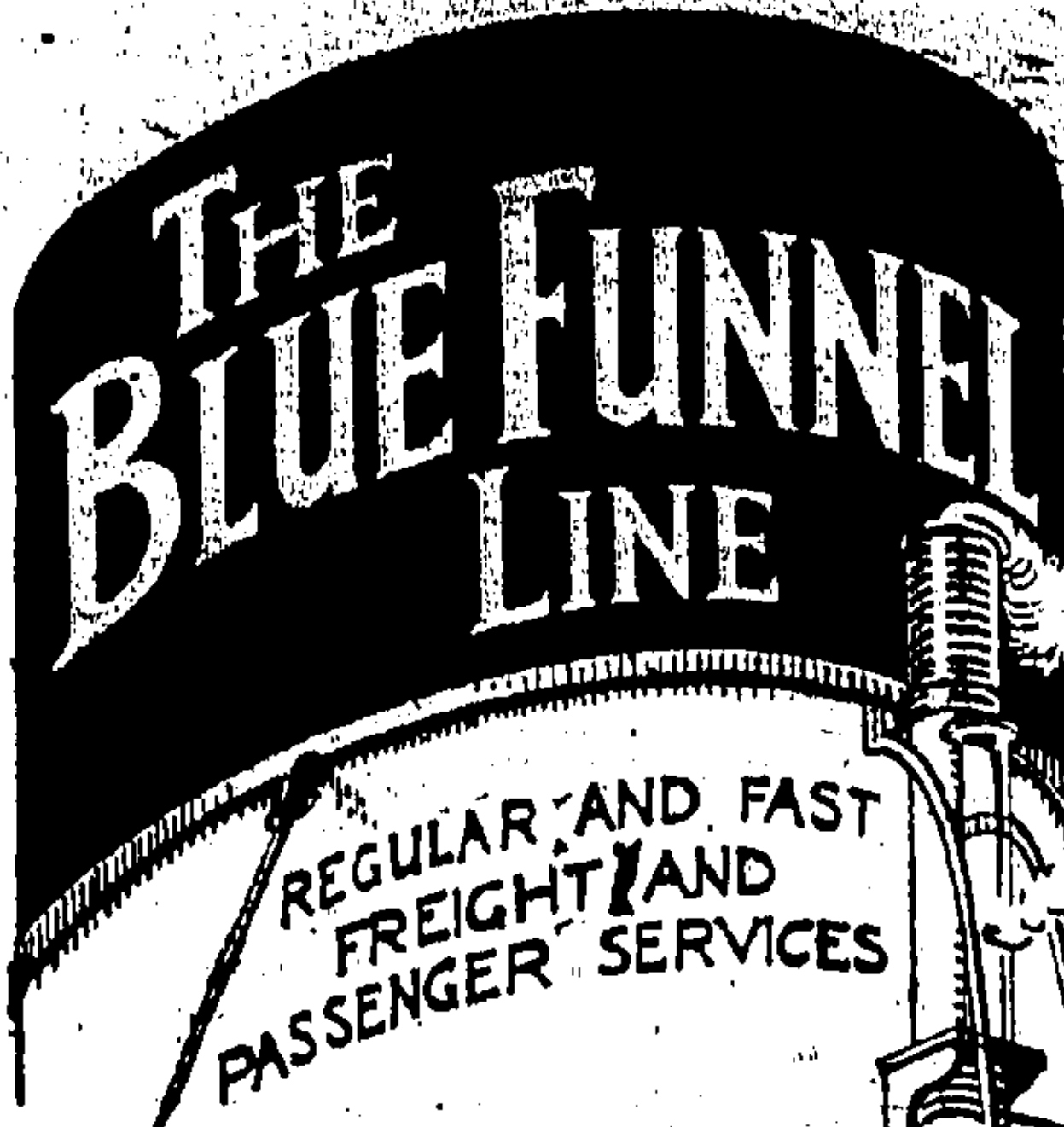
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